THE HON'BLE Ms. JUSTICE G. ROHINI

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WRIT PETITION No.8272 OF 2006

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ORAL ORDER:

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Pleader for Prohibition & Excise, appearing for the respondents.

The petitioner claims to be the President of the Toddy Tappers Co-operative Society, Kosigi village, in whose favour a licence was granted under the provisions of the Rules made under the A.P. Excise Act, 1968. While so, on the basis of an inspection conducted on 19.10.2004, the 1st respondent-Prohibition and Excise Superintendent, by order dated 25.10.2004 suspended the licence of the society, pending enquiry on the allegation that the stock available in the depot was adulterated with Chloral Hydrate. Aggrieved by the same, the petitioner preferred an appeal before the Deputy Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise, Mahabubnagar. Though the 2nd respondent initially, by order dated 22.11.2004 stayed the operation of the order dated 25.10.2004, subsequently, by order dated 08.09.2005, vacated the same. Aggrieved thereby, the petitioner preferred a further appeal before the 3rd respondent-Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise, Andhra Pradesh, which was also dismissed by order dated 17.03.2006. Aggrieved by the same, this writ petition is filed.

As can be seen from the material on record, the order dated 25.10.2004, whereunder the licence of the petitioner was suspended was only pending enquiry initiated against the society. That apart, it is also clear from the order dated 8.09.2005, the society has not been carrying on the business, in view of the order passed by the 2nd respondent vacating interim order initially granted on 22.11.2004.

In the circumstances, without expressing any opinion on merits, I deem it appropriate to dispose of the writ petition with a direction to the 1st respondent-Prohibition and Excise Superintendent, Mahabubnagar to complete the enquiry initiated against the petitioner and to pass appropriate orders as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. No

costs.

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(G. ROHINI, J.)

24th April, 2006.

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Between:

P. Ramulu. .. Petitioner.

And

The Prohibition and Excise Superintendent,

Mahabubnagar and two others. .. Respondents.